(c) in what manner Government propose to finance these projects in the backdrop of dwindling budgetary support; and

(d) whether Government would curtail provisions available for other schemes to finance these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALT.IKARJUN) : fa) Yes, Sir.

(b) Project Unigauge has been taken up under which 11,000' kms of MG/NG lines have been identified for conversion, of this 6,000 kms are planned for conversion during 92-93.

(c) These projects will be financed out of our available resources.

(d) No, Sir.

**Railway Accidents**

2528. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Railway accidents that took place during the period lanuary 1992 to September, 1992;

(b) how many of these involved in goods trains and passenger trains;

(c) the number of passenger killed and injured and the damage to railway property because of these accidents;

(d) the number of accidents due to derailments;

(e) the steps taken to minimise derail-ment; and

(f) how do the figures compare with the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (f)

| S. No. | Period (Jan. to Sept.) | No. of accidents | | | Accidents due to derail-ments | No. of casualties | | Cost of damage to Rail-way Pro-perty (in lacs of Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Pass. trains | Goods trains | Total | | Killed | Injured | |
| 1. | 1992 . | 169 | 244 | 413 | 333 | 82 | 291 | 2781.18 |
| 2. | 1991 . | 129 | 273 | 402 | 343 | 44 | 314 | 2397.90 |
| 3. | 1990 . | 131 | 281 | 412 | 345 | 154 | 439 | 2624.22 |
| 4. | 1989 . | 136 | 300 | 436 | 375 | 97 | 534 | 1146.71 |

Steps taken to minimise derailments

Some of the steps taken to minimise de-railments are :—

(i) Continuing emphasis on renewal and rehabilitation of overaged assets, particularly track, bridges and rolling stock,

(ii) Improvement in quality of outturn from the workshops,

(iii) Intensive inspections of telecom gears maintenance depots of coaches, wagons and locomotives,

(iv) Intensive monitoring of the working of sensitive categories of staff such as drivers and station mas-ters.

**Awarding of contract for the Supply of Three Phase Electric Locomotives**

2529. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the A.B.B. (Asia Brown Boveri) have deried having given the alleged kickbacks in awarding of contract for the supply of 30 AC three phase 6,000 HP Electric Locomotive by the Indian Railways as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 20th October, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating whether transfer of complete technology to India involved in this deal,